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To Whom It May Concern:

Christian radio as it currently operates has changed my life. In 2005 I was a cocaine addict and an alcoholic. I moved away from my life as it was because I had exhausted all of my resources and run out of options. So, I returned to my hometown where my family still resided. Thankfully, there was a radio station there that had the freedom and ability to speak truth as they saw fit. I recall driving down the road on one of the first days after I arrived back, when a song came on the radio that spoke exactly to what I thought of myself at the time. It contained the lyrics, "Are you who you want to be?" I broke down in sobs. I nearly pulled off the road because the tears came so quickly.

Not only have I been clean ever since, I am an RN at a local hospital, I am actively involved in my community, I have not spoken to my old cohorts in years, and I faithfully support my Christian radio station. My husband and I listen to no other stations whatsoever. I have gotten my siblings listening to it as well. In addition, I lead a small group of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls on Wednesday evenings. I constantly am directing them to listen to this radio station and playing songs from their broadcasting for my girls to listen to a think about. Not only would it affect my life if they were to have their broadcasting ability altered, it would change the lives of everyone that I care about. Please do not cause this to happen.

The idea of appointing community advisory boards is poor due to the fact that our communities are widespread and not representative of listeners' preferences. It would be different if our communities were in agreement and in outstanding condition. However, communities are broken and divided. Unfortunately there are divisions on theology, rhetoric, and values. Christian radio has been a singular source of agreement. However, to compile individual groups in each community that is reached by radio stations that are nationwide to dictate appropriate content would be devastating and crippling.

In addition, to require additional staffing would increase cost to an already extremely tight budget. As a financial supporter, I am continuously aware of the necessity of keeping cost in check. I am always frustrated about the fact that few listeners actually help to carry the load. However, currently we meet the needs. Please do not add to the burden by increasing the amount required to keep them on air.

Also, the translators currently being used should be allowed to continue. I don't know what size of translator my station is running off, but again, it would be devastating if it was ended in my area. We do not have any other options for contemporary listening. The students that I mentioned previously, their lives are being impacted by this radio station. The options are filled with drug references, sexually explicit lyrics, and morally corrupt ideas in general. The next generation is constantly plugged into music. To take away the only positive influence would be to encourage the unwinding of an entire generation.

Please take these things into consideration as you make your decisions.

Very truly,

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